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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Hideki FUJIKURA, Toshihiro NISHIMURA, Kenji KATSUNO, Masahiro HIRATOCHI, Akira IYOBE, Minoru FUJIOKA, Masayuki ISAJI GLUCOPYRANOSYLOXYPYRAZOLE DERIVATIVES, MEDICINAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME AND INTERMEDIATES IN THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

Assignee: KISSEI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

Our Ref: Q79496

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/069,589 (Confirmation No.3831) filed February 27, 2002 of Hideki FUJIKURA, Toshihiro NISHIMURA, Kenji KATSUNO, Masahiro HIRATOCHI, Akira IYOBE, Minoru FUJIOKA, Masayuki ISAJI entitled GLUCOPYRANOSYLOXYPYRAZOLE DERIVATIVES, MEDICINAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME AND INTERMEDIATES IN THE PRODUCTION THEREOF.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1623.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/069,589 filed February 27, 2002, representing the National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/05678 filed August 24, 2000.

The above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Patent Application No. 246800/1999 filed on August 31, 1999.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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